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CAPT. FINNEGAN.

The appointment of Judge Finnegan to be Executive  
Officer to the Governor's office, with the military  
rank of Captain in the National Army, is admirable.  
Judge Finnegan is a good lawyer, an able man, a  
public spirited, forward-looking citizen of Alaska.  
He has had large experience and possesses that rare  
quality that is often designated as "horse sense."  
He is patriotic, and has been seriously contemplating  
closing his office, arranging for the care and com-  
fort of his family and going off to the war to serve  
his country notwithstanding that he is long past the  
draft age. Capt. Finnegan will measure up to the  
best traditions of an officer and a gentleman.

The circumstance that Capt. Finnegan is a Re-  
publican will make it plain that Gov. Riggs has  
not mixed politics and war work.

## INTERESTS IDENTICAL.

"The interest in Alaska of those engaged in the  
fisheries industry is identical with that of the miners  
and mining men, those engaged in lumbering, home-  
steaders or trade," said C. S. Harley in discussing  
the idea of bringing those who follow the fisheries  
and others of Southeastern Alaska into closer touch  
with each other. And that is true. Whatever people  
might think, those engaged in the fisheries indus-  
try are greatly concerned in the perpetuation of that  
industry.

The straits to which the fishermen of the Puget  
Sound country, on both the American and the Cana-  
dian sides of the line, are being placed on account  
of the depleted supply of fish is a lesson that Alas-  
kians must take to heart. If the people of British  
Columbia and the State of Washington had begun  
the work of providing for the future of the fish sup-  
ply a score of years ago they probably would not  
now be considering a complete suspension of salmon  
fishing for a four-year period.

We are gaining a fishing population in Alaska.  
We do not want to lose it sometime because of the  
exhaustion of the supply of fish. Nor do those whose  
money is invested in fisheries equipment and who  
have trained organizations in the fisheries business  
want to have their investments scrapped and their  
organizations dispersed because of lack of fish.

The interest of those in the fish business and  
those who are engaged in other pursuits, which de-  
pend in a large measure for support from those in  
the fish business, are identical in this respect.

The fishermen and those who have their money  
invested in the fisheries industry are also interested  
in seeing prosperous and modern cities developed in  
Alaska. They not only make a market for the fish,  
but they afford those who live here the advantages  
of modern institutions of civilization. A permanent  
prosperous and contented population in Alaska is  
one of the best safeguards the man with capital in-  
vested in this Territory can have, for it means long  
life for investments and competent management and  
service.

## TROUBLE IN RUSSIA

One of the most significant facts which has come  
out of Russia in a long while is the admission of  
the Bolshevik Finance Minister that the economic  
chaos into which Russia has fallen is endangering the  
Government.

Enormous increases in wages and reduction of  
hours have resulted in impossible manufacturing costs  
and skyrocketing prices, while the Government has no  
money with which to buy necessities at any price.

Local governments by their handy process of com-  
mandeering are supplying themselves and letting the  
general Government whistle for wherewith to carry  
out its plans.

The sacred name of Liberty and a set of ab-  
stract principles are not sufficient to meet the prob-  
lems of practical statesmanship which are pressing in  
upon the Government. It must have order, the res-  
toration of industry and the subjection of all the

parts of Russia to the whole of Russia. Either the  
Bolsheviks must develop the power to enforce these  
conditions or else their Government must give way to  
one that can.

## "MONTANA PETE'S" CONTRIBUTION.

The contribution of "Montana Pete" to "Our Boys  
in France Tobacco Fund," collected by The Empire,  
is one of interest, and finely illustrates the spirit  
that prevails in Alaska. "Montana Pete" came to  
Alaska before the Klondike strike, and followed the  
stampede from place to place. He was a prospector  
and miner and contributed the best years of his life  
to Alaskan development. The circumstance that he  
is at the Pioneer's Home tells the story of his fail-  
ure to win the reward to which his services to Alas-  
ka entitled him. But that only adds to the value of  
the gift. In spite of pecuniary failure his spirit is  
still the spirit of the pioneer, his heart is with his  
country and with others.

Don't forget that the Shipping Board has reme-  
dies for transportation ills, and if you want actually  
to solve transportation problems it will be worth  
while to talk to the Board. People have been talk-  
ing about these matters and trying to make them  
political problems for years. Delegate Sulzer has  
sent the men with the remedies here. Show them  
what remedies you need.

When Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska was made  
chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee  
to succeed Senator Stone, Senator Robinson of Ark-  
ansas was also added to the committee to make  
up the full quota of members. Senator James Ham-  
ilton Lewis of Illinois was selected to fill the va-  
cancy in the Finance committee of which Senator  
Stone was a member.

"Fourth Division precincts continue to show Wick-  
ersham leading both Sulzer and Maloney combined,"  
shouts the Dispatch. Funny little thing! The re-  
turns from the Fourth Division show Sulzer about  
50 per cent. ahead of both Wickersham and Ma-  
loney combined.

The Colonel is now out after Postmaster General  
Burleson. The Colonel is becoming so peeved over  
the failures of his chase for an Administration scan-  
dal that he is snapping and snarling at everybody.

## FIFTY SOLDIERS FROM FRANCE.

(New York World.)

There have been before now throngs on Broad  
way, and the clatter of marching feet, and cheers  
and the blare of bands. But never anything quite  
like yesterday's march of the fifty men returned  
from France.

Pale from wounds, or weak from gassing, or  
saved from demolished dugouts, with dented helmets  
and not a few decorations from the sister republic  
these men have seen the war as it is. They have  
come to tell their neighbors about it, simply, and  
most, plainly, and to tell why there is need of help  
over there, and what manner of help it should be.

It was a stroke of genius for war psychology that  
devised the plan of gathering up these fifty boys from  
many States and from every part of the long battle-  
line and bringing them home to tell their story.  
They are to ask Americans to back liberally from  
their bounty the bonds that shall provide arms and  
shells to win this war.

It is little enough that those at home can do  
in comparison with what these men, schoolboys some  
of them, have done and dared and suffered.

## SULZER WILL WIN.

(Anchorage Democrat.)

It is now apparent that the full primary return  
will show that Sulzer had more votes than those  
cast for the other three candidates, Maloney, Wick-  
ersham and Connolly.

This fact clearly points to the territorial popu-  
larity of Mr. Sulzer and it presages his election at  
the polls in November beyond a doubt.

Many will tell you that this primary election will  
tell one nothing of the probable indication of the  
vote in the fall; that the Wickersham vote did not  
get out. Don't believe it; the "Wick" vote was out  
stronger than any other vote and the fact that it  
was to a large extent counted for Maloney will not  
hinder a large part of them from voting for Wick-  
ersham in the fall.

On the other hand the Republican voters who  
stayed away from the polls at the primaries will  
vote in the fall and will vote for Sulzer.

## WICKERSHAM'S ECLIPSE.

(Valdez Prospector.)

The Anchorage Times says that it will welcome  
the contest this fall between Delegate Sulzer and  
James Wickersham, when "the relative standings be-  
tween the two men will be settled once for all." Like  
the small boy who was eating an apple and was  
asked for the core by a companion, we rise to remark  
that "there ain't goin' to be no contest." If the  
Hon. James cannot see the handwriting on the wall  
plainly enough to withdraw from a contest where de-  
feat is sure and certain it is nothing to our sweet  
young life. Charles A. Sulzer, taking the vote at the  
primary as an indication, will bolt Mr. Wickersham  
and his old-fashioned political trickery like a male-  
mute would a mouse. The Hon. Jim's sun has not  
set; it has suffered an eclipse.

## THE GARDEN OF PROMISE.

(Valdez Miner.)

Alaska is going to be the garden of promise to  
both the speculator and the red blooded man after  
the war. With the thousands of properties now lying  
idle opened up the demand for laborers will far ex-  
ceed the supply. Citizens of the States who are tired  
of living on the "dollar down and a dollar a week  
if you can catch it" plan should come to Alaska,  
where living is easy and the population accepts a  
man at his value and not from the standard of the  
dollar. Alaska offers many wonderful opportunities  
to those who are seeking for investments. Living  
is cheaper than in the States when one considers the  
absence of carfare and the thousand essentials of  
city life.

Valdez, Ellamar, Granby and Latouche have con-  
tributed over \$73,000 for the war cause, not counting  
the thousands of dollars taken in War Savings Stamps  
and contributed to the Red Cross work. Alaska is  
different from the States. Every dollar contributed  
to the war chest goes outside to return no more. In  
the States the work brings in a constant stream of  
dollars from the Government. Alaska has no war  
work but has contributed more per capita to the war  
than any of the States.—(Valdez Prospector.)

The Ruby Record-Citizen has now been published  
for over a month and the citizens consider it a good  
paper for the camp, as it stands for pro-Americans,  
pro-ally, and pro-Democratic party; what more could  
anyone ask for at this time?—(Fairbanks Citizen.)

A subscription list is being circulated in Valdez  
by Sulzer boosters to hire Mrs. Hatcher to stump the  
Territory for James Wickersham at the coming elec-  
tion.—(Valdez Miner.)

## Fuller Bunk Says:



THE only points the censor will let  
get by to the enemy are bayonet  
points.

## BITS OF BY-PLAY

By Luke McLuke

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Enquirer

Wough  
Prohibition is certainly tough.  
It deprives men of beer and hard  
stough.

And if these Antis can,  
They will soon put a ban  
On tobacco and even on snough.

The Wise Fool  
"Lightning never strikes twice in  
the same place," observed the Sage.  
"Then lightning isn't a bit like hard  
hick, is it?" commented the Fool.

Ouch!  
"Eat fish if you'd develop brains."  
She heard the doctor say,  
"My husband then," said Mrs. Haynes  
"Should eat a whale each day."

Ho, Hum!

"It must be tough to have to go  
in and face the music," said the  
Bachelor as he left the Benedict at  
the home of the latter at 2 a. m.

"Oh," replied the Benedict, "facing  
the music isn't so bad. It's listen-  
ing to it that hurts."

Strange

Though very tall, big Oswald Wall  
Is often without dough;  
And when his cash has gone to  
smash.

He's very short, I know.

Lucky

"Smith is a lucky man," said Brown  
"He certainly is," agreed Jones.  
"He has raised six daughters and  
he doesn't have to support even one  
of his sons-in-law."

Foxy!

"Of married life I hate to preach,"  
Observed poor Mr. Demmon;  
"But I was married to a peach  
Who turned into a lemon."

Gosh!

Some years ago Mr. Potts married  
Miss Kettle in Dandridge, Tenn. And  
now that end of town contains a lot  
of little cooking utensils. — (New  
Market, Tenn.)

Dusty Miller's Experience

(Wilmington Journal Republican)  
Luke McLuke remarks that when  
a man's wife finds a five-dollar bill  
in his pockets she spends the next  
five weeks wondering what he did

## INTEREST ON LIBERTY BONDS

The first interest coupon on Bonds of the  
Second Liberty Loan is due and payable  
May 15, 1918. Those left in our keep-  
ing have been mailed to Washington for  
credit and amounts due will be paid to  
the owners upon application.

## The B. M. BEHREND'S BANK

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with it. That may be true in Cin-  
cinnati Luke, but up at Wilmington  
when a man's wife discovers a five-  
dollar bill in his pockets, he spends  
the next five weeks wondering where  
he lost it.

Our Daily Special  
Honesty May Be Slow Pay, But  
It's Sure.

Is That So?

In behalf of my poor sisters I raise  
my feeble pen,  
For you expose our foibles and you  
make too wise the men.  
Ere I came to a great city I was  
quoted as "quite stout."  
But wherever Luke is read, "Corn  
Fed" at me they shout.  
Each time I board a street car, I  
hear the men say this:  
"Here is a sight that Luke McLuke  
would never care to miss."  
They tell me that this Luke McLuke  
knows much of women's wear.  
And we girls must admit that he is  
certainly a bear.  
I think that he is harmless, maybe  
he is a saint.  
Though he knows much of lingerie,  
hip-pads, V-waists and paint.  
—(Corn Fed)

Luke McLuke Says

Knowing that a preacher is only  
human, we have often wondered just  
what he explains when he swats his  
thumb with a hammer and there is  
no one around to hear him.  
Aspiration will never get you any  
where unless you can make it pro-  
duce perspiration.

There is also the kind of girl who  
would rather have a man break her  
Ten Commandments than break an  
engagement with her.

Marriage is something that in five  
years will turn a perfect 36 into an  
imperfect 48.

A man will always put his shoul-  
der to the wheel when the load is  
consigned to his address.

And a woman's heart never gets  
so hard that a diamond can't make  
an impression on it.

People expect too much from chil-  
dren. Mother will go around Easter  
Sunday morning with a red finger  
and a blue finger and a yellow fin-  
ger on each hand and then expect  
the kids to believe that the Easter  
Rabbit colored the eggs.

Some women always start just  
early enough to be late.

A woman's idea of affluence is to  
have enough silverware to entertain  
company without borrowing.

The older an unmarried girl gets,  
the more she can't remember things  
that happened 15 years ago.

The reason why a lot of ambitious  
young men never get anywhere in  
this world is because they want to  
start on high. Any automobilist  
can decipher this one for you.

Maybe Father would be more af-  
fectionate if he didn't know that the  
minute he begins to act spooney  
Mother will tell him that he has been  
drinking.

There are many, many times in  
his matrimonial career when a hus-  
band wonders who the Hek put that  
word "obey" in the female portion  
of the marriage service.  
He may be the light of her life  
during the engagement. But after  
marriage she discovers that he goes  
out too often.

## Quaker Quips

(Philadelphia Record.)

As some understand it, patriotic  
sacrifice consists of giving up hot  
biscuits.

As a general thing, you can tell  
a lieutenant by the bars on his  
shoulders and the girls on his arms.

After all is said and done, the  
best way to deal with a bull in a  
china shop is to shoot the bull.

It has just about gotten so in this  
world that the greatest military ge-  
nius is the one who has the most  
men ready to be killed.

Probably the surest way to guess  
how many corns a woman has is to  
look at her shoes and estimate  
the number of her toes.

FAIRBANKS CLUB  
GIVES REASONS FOR  
SUPPORTING SULZER

The following are the reasons  
why Delegate Charles A. Sulzer  
should be re-elected as recently set  
forth by the Democratic Club of  
Fairbanks:

"1. Because he has made the best  
Delegate Alaska ever had. For the  
past year he has been on the job  
every minute and has given his strict  
attention to every matter that con-  
cerns Alaska or any individual Alas-  
kan."

"2. Because he is in perfect har-  
mony with the Administration in  
Washington and now has a large ac-  
quaintance with the heads of the  
various departments, Senators and  
Congressmen, and thereby will be  
able to accomplish even more in  
the future than he has in the past."

"3. Because he has given fair and  
honest consideration to each and all  
of his constituents in legislative en-  
actments; to the homesteader, the  
prospector, the mine operator and  
the investor; he has given every-  
one a square deal."

"4. Because he favors the enlarge-  
ment of the legislative powers of  
the Territory and now has a bill  
pending in Congress for that pur-

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pose, which will become a law at

this session.

"5. Because he has caused to be  
enacted or is pushing for enact-  
ment the following legislation:

"Granting Alaska full Terri-  
torial form of government with  
home rule the dominating prin-  
ciple.

"Regulating the fisheries of  
Alaska along lines that will be  
fair to all, and the protection  
of the salmon supply from de-  
pletion.

"Making changes in the home-  
stead laws by abolishing the  
eighty rod reservation.

"Authorizing free surveys of  
homesteads in isolated sec-  
tions.

"Changing the game laws so  
as to give the people a bet-  
ter opportunity to use the  
game of the Territory without  
its being wantonly slaughtered.

"Extending the Federal Farm  
Loan Act to the Territory of  
Alaska.

"Providing for the care of  
Alaska's insane within the  
Territory."

## IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST REGULATED FAMILIES

By Briggs

